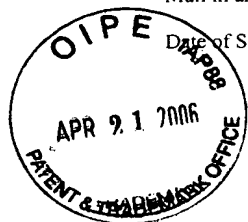


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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed March 9, 2006, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application divided the claims into three groups, alleged that the inventions embraced by each group are distinct and required restriction to one of the groups.

In response to this requirement, the Applicants provisionally elect Group I (Claims 1-13), with traverse. The requirement is respectfully traversed because the subject matter of Group I and of Group III (Claims 22-26) are not patentably distinct. As the Examiner has already acknowledged, the process of Group I can be practiced with the kit of Group III. Indeed, the overlap between the two is so close that both should be searched and examined together.

A complete search of the provisionally elected Group I claims will necessarily establish whether the system recited in the Group III claims (in all of its claimed embodiments) is present in the available art. Claim 1 recites "determining whether the subject carries one or more copies of an at-risk allele of a gene that encodes monoamine